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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-31 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Short et al., US pat. No.7,197,556.

As to claim 1, Short discloses a method, comprising: determining location information associated with a first network device connected to a network and sending the location information to a second network device in a dynamic host configuration protocol message (providing a service between plurality of hosts and various network using DHCP, see fig.1, abstract, col.4 lines 44-62 and col.5 line 7 to col.6 line 49).

As to claims 2 and 3, Short discloses receiving a request for the location information from the second network device and wherein the request comprises at least part of a dynamic host

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configuration protocol message (see fig.2, col.5 lines 7-60 and col.9 lines 12-53).

As to claims 4 and 5, Short discloses the location information is sent at least in part in response to the request and detecting the connection of the second network device to the network (see col.10 lines 17-58 and col.11 lines 16-52).

As to claims 6 and 7, Short discloses the location information is sent at least in part in response to the detected connection and the location information is sent as an option parameter in the dynamic host configuration protocol message (see col.11 line 16 to col.12 line 26).

As to claims 8 and 9, Short discloses the location information is stored by at least one dynamic host configuration protocol server and the first network device is a network access point (see fig.2, col.5 lines 7-60 and col.9 lines 12-53).

As to claims 10 and 11, Short discloses the first network device is a dynamic host configuration protocol server and the determining comprises retrieving the location information from a storage device (see col.11 line 16 to col.12 line 26).

As to claim 12, Short discloses sensing the location information (see col.10 lines 17-58 and col.11 lines 16-52).

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As to claim 13, Short discloses a method, comprising: receiving a dynamic host configuration protocol message, the message containing location information associated with a first network device and storing the location information (providing an service between plurality of hosts and various network using DHCP, see fig.1, abstract, col.4 lines 44-62 and col.5 line 7 to col.6 line 49).

As to claims 14-16, Short discloses sending the location information to a second network device in a dynamic host configuration protocol message and the first network device is a network access point and wherein the first network device is a dynamic host configuration protocol server (see col.10 lines 17-58 and col.11 lines 16-52).

As to claim 17, Short discloses a method, comprising: receiving, at a network device, a dynamic host configuration protocol message, the message containing location information; and setting a parameter of the network device based at least in part on the received location information (providing an service between plurality of hosts and various network using DHCP, see fig.1, abstract, col.4 lines 44-62 and col.5 line 7 to col.6 line 49).

As to claims 18-19, Short discloses the parameter is a time-zone setting and the location information is associated with the network device (see col.5 lines 7-50 and col.6 lines 13-49).

As to claim 20, Short discloses a dynamic host configuration protocol message, comprising:

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location information associated with a network device (see fig.1, abstract, col.5 lines 7-60 and col.6 lines 13-49).

As to claims 21-22, Short discloses the network device is a network access point and the network device is a dynamic host configuration protocol server (see col.10 lines 17-58 and col.11 lines 16-52).

As to claim 23, Short discloses the location information is an option parameter in the dynamic host configuration protocol message (see col.10 lines 17-58 and col.11 lines 16-52).

Claims 24-30 are rejected for the same reasons set forth in claims 1, 18, 13, 14, 17, 18 and 13 respectively.

As to claim 31, Short discloses a database for storing the location information (see col.10 lines 17-58 and col.11 lines 16-52).

Other prior art cited

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a. McCanne et al, US pub. No.2004/0010616.
- b. Roese et al, et al, US pub No.2003/0217151.
- c. McCanne et al, US pat. No.7,133,928.

Conclusion

5. Claims 1-31 are rejected.
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Dinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-3936. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.m. to 5:00 P.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung, can be reached on (571) 272-3939. The fax phone number for this group is (571) 273-8300.

A shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire THREE months from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned (35 U. S. C . Sect. 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(A).

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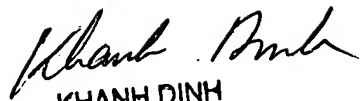
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